



MCC of C - 2017 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Submitted by Martin Urquhart #3406

The MCC of C's 2017 Convention and AGM was held in Calgary on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 2017. The Exhibition and Bourse were conducted in conjunction with the Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors' (AACCA) 54th Annual Easter Firearms and Militaria Show, Friday and Saturday at the Calgary Stampede's Bank of Montreal (BMO) Centre. The Annual General Meeting (AGM), Awards and Auction Events were held Friday evening in the Heritage Room at the Hotel Blackfoot.

THURSDAY APRIL 3, 2017

Thursday of the AACCA's Easter Show weekend is setup day and with approximately 1000 tables booked, a busy bordering on chaotic day. Bourse and exhibition registrants began lining up before 9:00 am for a 2:00 pm registration and venue opening. Those that arrived early were rewarded with quick entry and an early setup completion allowing ample time for catching up and early wheeling and dealing.

FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2017

EXHIBITION

The day began with the setup of the Heritage Room at the Hotel Blackfoot for the evening's events, completed by Martin and his wife Gail between 6:00 and 8:00 am. For members with bourse and/or displays, their day began with completing table preparations for the public opening at 09:30 am. Judging of MCC of C displays entered under juried consideration was conducted between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. To the panel of three judges, Barry Agnew, George Kush and John Seim, and all the entrants, congratulations on a job well done. The list of winners appears later in this article.

Day one of the event opened at 9:30 am with just shy of 1000 tables and by closing at 5:00 pm, over 6,000 attendees. Bourse and exhibitor display activity was brisk with all our members reporting good sales and a great interest in their displays. It seems that despite the current state of the economy, vendors and the public chose to continue attending and supporting this event.

EVENING'S EVENTS

The evening's events began at 6:00 pm with the opening of the Blackfoot Hotel's Heritage Room for our Meet & Greet. Attendees were welcomed upon their arrival to an open bar and Live and Silent Auction items tastefully displayed on tables at the head and sides of the room providing atmosphere.

Dinner service began at 6:45 pm and once again the Hotel Blackfoot's food and service was outstanding. Many thanks to Catering Supervisor Scott Garrioch and his staff who run a first-class department. The evening was off to a great start and would only get better.

GREETINGS

The evenings program commenced at 19:10 pm with Convention Chairman Martin Urquhart welcoming all Delegates and Guests and thanking them for their participation in support of our Club. This was followed by President Doug Styles' welcome and remarks.

IN MEMORIUM

Following a brief break, the evening's events continued with an **In Memorium 2016** segment. President Doug Styles asked the attendees to take a moment to pay tribute to the members of our Club who passed away in 2016 and proceeded to acknowledge the passing of following members:

H001 Jack Boddington, AB, 0941 Don Gibson, ON and 2248 Bud Haynes, AB

Acknowledgement was followed by a minute of silence and then a toast proposed by Doug with "Let's raise our glasses in a toast to fellowship and friends no longer with us".

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following another brief break, Doug Styles called the room to order at 7:22 pm, the 2017 AGM was conducted and adjourned at 7:35 pm. (The AGM Minutes with applicable Executive Board Reports are included elsewhere).

2017 MCC of C AWARDS CEREMONY

At 8:00 pm, Convention Chairman, Martin Urquhart, opened the evening's awards presentation segment and on behalf of the Southern Alberta Chapter presented the Judging results of the AACCA Exhibition's MCC of C Juried Exhibits and the accompanying awards.

HOST CHAPTER EXHIBIT AWARDS

Martin began by acknowledging and thanking the three judges, Barry Agnew, George Kush and John Seim, noting that these three Judges conducted this event the last two years and had enthusiastically accepted the task once again. All were awarded the MCC of C's 2017 Convention Year Bar.

Martin then acknowledged and thanked the members who exhibited displays under Juried consideration. All were awarded the Southern Albert Chapter's Award Medal with MCC of C's 2017 Convention Year Bar. Judges Standard Awards were then presented as follows.

Judges' Standard Awards

The following judging standards were awarded based on the Judges' combined scores and the standard achieved.

A Bronze Medal was presented to Garry Milne, score of **186** for his display "**Milne Genealogy**"

A Silver Medal was presented to Doug Styles, score of **223** for his display "**In Memorium: Honouring Our Fallen**"

Two (2) Gold Medals were presented as follows:

- To Alan Kerr, with a score of **279**, for his display "**Canada in the Great War**"
- To Alan Mackenzie, with a score of **278**, for his display "**Republic of Ireland in World War II**"

Best of Awards

The following Best of Medallions were awarded based on the top three Judges combined scores and the medallion categories. Of note, only one point separated Best Canadian from the Best of Theme.

- Best Canadian Medallion was presented to Doug Styles for his display "**In Memorium: Honouring Our Fallen**"
- Best of Theme Medallion was presented to Alan Mackenzie for his display "**Republic of Ireland in World War II**"
- Best of Show Medallion was presented to Allan Kerr for his display "**Canada in the Great War**"

NATIONAL AWARDS

President, Doug Styles, on behalf of the Club's Membership and Executive, commenced with the presentation of the National Club's awards. The 2017 recipients and presentation of their awards were as follows:

Merit Bar (instituted 1966) Merit Medal (instituted 2010):

Three members were nominated, vetted, with all three selected recipients by vote of the Executive Board as follows:

Martin Urquhart #3406, was awarded a Merit Bar (2nd) for best article 2016: "The Calgary & Region History Fair."

Trevor McAllister #2989, was awarded the Merit Medal for service to both the Club and Edmonton Chapter.

Jaime Cline #2381, was awarded the Merit Medal for service to both the Club and Manitoba Chapter.

The two members present, Martin and Jaime, were presented with their award and certificates.

Silver Badge for Distinguished Service of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada (Instituted 1993):

Five members were nominated, vetted, with all five selected recipients by vote of the Executive Board as follows:

Drew Thompson #0061 Long service to Club and the Edmonton Chapter

James Myers #0219 Long service to Club and the Edmonton Chapter

Jaime Cline #2438 Webmaster (2002-2007), Bibliographer & Advertising (2001-2005), Archivist (2003-2004)

Arlon Bauer #3101 Vice President (2014), Show Chairman (2006, 2009-2011)

Martin Urquhart #3406 Sec/Tres (2015-current), Show Chairman (2015 - 2017)

The three members present, Arlon and Martin, were presented with their award and certificates.

Gold Badge for Distinguished Service of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada (Instituted 1993):

Three members were nominated, vetted, with all three selected recipients by vote of the Executive Board as follows:

Allan Kerr #0786 Show Chairman (1998, 2013), Merit Medal, Merit Bar (1)

Terry Wallace #1421 Sec/Tres (1981), Show Chairman (1982, 1988), Merit Medal, Merit Bar (2)

Paul Wallace #2661 Webmaster (2007-2013), Merit Medal, Merit Bar (1)

The two members present, Terry and Allan, were presented with their award and certificates.

Honorary Life Member:

As per the clubs' Bylaws, Honourary Life Membership is an elected position with election requiring a minimum 75% of the votes cast to have voted in favour. The following member was elected Honourary Life Member #H012.

Albert Hing #0033 last Surviving Founding Member, (GB 2016)

All Club awards were conducted in accordance with the Clubs' bylaws. Recipients not present were informed of their award and had their award items and certificates forwarded to them by the Secretary/Treasurer.

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

The live auction was conducted by Kevin Roberts with seven lots going under the hammer. Bidding was fast, furious and fun. Kudos to Kevin whose auctioneering prowess and wit were directly responsible for raising \$1,125.00. The silent auction placed 30 lots under the pen raising an additional \$1,375.00. The auction results made for a highly profitable the weekend to the benefit of the Southern Alberta Chapter. As Chairman, I appreciate and send out a special thanks to all who donated items.

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2017

EXHIBITION

On Saturday, day two of the AACCA Easter Show, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, the exhibition and bourse were once again busy with most members reporting a reasonably good day of sales and interest in their displays. Attendance was noticeably down but once again the Shows final tally still exceeded 10,000 attendees.

The AACCA Exhibition Awards

All displays entered under juried consideration in the AACCA's Show Exhibition were judged independently from the MCC of C with results falling within three categories, Firearms, Military and Outstanding Display. AACCA judging was completed and results were announced on Saturday. Although only five MCC of C member displays were entered, they were obviously of high quality as evidenced by being awarded two of the six available awards as follows:

Militaria Best of Show

1st Place - Alan Kerr for his display "Canada in the Great War"

Outstanding Display Best of Show

2nd Place - Alan Mackenzie for his display "Republic of Ireland in World War II"

The AACCA's 2017 Easter Firearms and Militaria Show once again upheld its reputation as Canada's largest and finest show with well over 1000 tables booked and viewed by over 10,000 attendees. The BMO Centre's 120,000 sq. feet of available floor space was once again filled with dealers and exhibitors from across Canada and a continuing increase in collectors and dealers from the United States.

2017 Convention & AGM Financial Report

Income	
MCC of C National Host Gratuity	\$1,000.00
Registrations	\$2,525.00
Live & Silent Auction	\$2,506.00
Total	\$6,031.00

Expenses	
Hotel Blackfoot	\$2,321.86
3 Day Stampede parking pass	\$45.01
Table Treats	\$63.99
Total	\$2,430.86

Net Profit	\$3,600.14
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Volunteers & Sponsors

The MCC of C and the Southern Alberta Chapter would once again like to thank the AACCA and the Hotel Blackfoot for their generous support and cooperation. The AACCA has once again, provided the bourse and exhibition venue, event insurance and booked accommodation at no cost to the MCC of C. The Hotel Blackfoot provided accommodation and banquet costs at discounted rates allowing us to pass along the savings to our attendees by reducing our registration fees to cost. Without their cooperation and contributions, hosting the MCC of C Convention and AGM in Calgary may not have been possible.

The Southern Alberta Chapter would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of our 2017 event: James Baldwin for post AGM evening venue clean up and conversation. Peter Berg for photography throughout the weekends events. Kevin Roberts for volunteering as auctioneer with a performance that most certainly increased the auction's take. Andrew Smyth for attending the registration booth for the entire weekend and Doug Styles for his ear, awards planning and sharing the stage. A special thanks to Gail Urquhart for once again setting up of the Heritage Room in preparation for our event.

Donors & Sponsors

The Military Collectors Club of Canada and the Club's Southern Alberta Chapter would like to thank the following Companies and Individuals for generously donating auction items support of our event:

Almac Landscapes Ltd., Calgary, AB
Arctic Medals and Militaria, Calgary, AB
Arlon Bauer #3101, AB
Beck Antiques, Edmonton, AB
Burnco Landscape Center - South Calgary, AB
Gail Urquhart Consulting, Calgary, AB
Home Depot of Canada #7067, Calgary, AB
Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc., London, On
Don Klancher #2945, BC
Marway Militaria, Winnipeg, Mb
Mil Arm Co. Ltd., Edmonton, AB
Garry Milne #3097, AB
George Kush #
Neathway Medal Mounting, Redwater, AB
RONA, Calgary Midnapore, AB
Barry Sale #3022, BC
Service Publications, Ottawa, ON
Shoulder to Shoulder Militaria & Collectables. Calgary, AB
Doug Styles #0218
The Canadian Soldier, Calgary, AB
The Shooting Edge, Calgary, AB
Things Military, Calgary, AB
John Theyn #0059, MB
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